

## SECOND SESSION

Opened at 7:45 P. M. with singing from 447 of Gospel Hymns. Devotional services conducted by Elder J. W. Smouse using for his lesson the 34th Psalm. Singing from 441 of Gospel Hymns. In accordance with program Rev. J. C. Mackey of Salisbury delivered his sermon "Evidence of Christianity" to a very large and appreciative audience. After Brother Mackey's sermon the choir rendered some excellent music. After the taking up of collection the following queries were answered:

1. Who are meant by the spirits in prison to whom the gospel was preached—J. B. Wampler.
2. What are the recreations for Christians?—Henry Wise.

3. After lifting a letter of membership from the church of which you are a member, how long will such a letter be valid for use in another church. Assigned to J. B. Wampler and followed in general discussion by Henry Wise and I. D. Bowman. At this juncture the following memorial from the Conemaugh church was presented:

## Memorial

The Conemaugh church respectfully memorializes the Convention of Pennsylvania to submit the several forms of credentials,—ministerial certificate, ministers' credential, lay certificates and church letter to a committee for revision.

DANIEL W. GOOD, Clerk.

J. F. KOONTZ, Pastor.

Deacons: George Berkebile, Hiram Gochmour, Jacob McCartney.

Delegates: Stella Shearer, B. F. Bole, Mrs. Annie Bole, Gilbert Neilson.

The request being granted the following committee was named: W. L. Spanogle, J. C. Mackey, J. F. Koontz. Convention then returned to the taking up of queries as follows:

4. Is our literature what it should be? Assigned to E. E. Haskins and further discussed by D. J. Bole.

5. Give the gospel authority for the confirmation service as practiced by the Brethren church. Assigned to J. C. Cassel and followed in general discussion by Henry Wise and Pat O'Neil.

6. Should not our State Conference divide the State into districts so that all churches can be supplied with a regular pastor. Assigned to Henry Wise and followed in general discussion by Dr. J. C. Kennedy, I. D. Bowman, R. Z. Replogle and J. B. Wampler.

A motion prevailed that session adjourn after making announcements. Sang the Doxology, repeated the Lord's Prayer in concert and were dismissed.

## THIRD SESSION

Meeting called to order at 9 A. M. by Moderator Daniel Crofford. Singing from 448 of Gospel Hymns. Devotional services in absence of F. B. McCullough were conducted by Rev. Alvin Byers, taking for his lesson the 1st and 23rd Psalms. Singing from Gospel Hymns 395. Minutes of two former sessions read and approved. E. H. Smith presented the following: "Inasmuch as the First Brethren church of New Jersey have no conference of their own, we the First Brethren church of Sergeantsville, N. J., ask to be considered as a part of the State Conference in Pennsylvania until she is able to arrange for conference facilities of her own. Signed, E. H. Smith." Moved by J. C. Cassel, seconded by J. M. Murray that we recognize the Sergeantsville, N. J., church as a part of the Pennsylvania Convention. Carried. Rev. R. Z. Replogle as secretary of Mission Board made his annual report and also read that of Treasurer Trent. Moved by J. H. Knepper seconded by Gilbert Neilson that the report be received and spread on the minutes:

McKees church,	7 85
Johnstown church,	60 83
Mt. Union,	2 00
J. B. Wampler,	4 50
Tillie Antram,	5 00
Summit Mills,	13 64
Listie church,	10 75

Sister Trent,	3 65
Altoona,	9 30
Conemaugh,	23 66
Philadelphia,	25 00
Meyersdale,	25 00
Mollie Gantz,	6 50
Cherry Hill,	2 75
Cowanshannock,	2 75

Amount to treasurer,	195 68
Bal. due treasurer,	7 50

Bal. in hands of treasurer,	156 89
" " secretary,	7 50

Debts—note	164 39
H. Wise,	170 00
	92 25

Bal. in hands of sec. and treas.,	262 25
Debt of board,	164 39
	97 86

R. Z. REPLOGLE, Sec.

Report of treasurer of Brethren church Mission Board of Pennsylvania for Conference year ending June 7, 1899:

Balance on hand June 6th, 1898,	\$36 53
Received during the year from secretary of Mission Board	\$195 68
Total,	\$232 21

## EXPENDITURES

Paid J. E. Shope,	\$52 87
" Interest on note,	12 45
" Expenses of secretary of Board to Philadelphia Convention	10 00

Total,	\$75 32
Bal. on hand June 7, 1899,	\$156 89

ALBERT TRENT, Treas.

Discussion of Missions by J. H. Knepper, J. C. Cassel, I. D. Bowman, E. H. Smith, J. W. Smouse, R. Z. Replogle, W. L. Spanogle, J. B. Wampler, E. E. Haskins and others. The following motion relative to the work done by the Philadelphia church in State of New Jersey was offered by E. E. Haskins, seconded by I. D. Bowman and passed convention:

We recommend to the Mission Board that the per capita of Philadelphia church for the coming year be paid to the support of the Calvary mission church near Croton, N. J.

E. E. HASKINS.

Remarks were made by W. M. Lyon, of Washington, D. C., showing the needs of that Mission Point.

Proceeded to the election of members of Mission Board. I. D. Bowman moved, seconded by Henry Wise that L. J. Ripple and William Menges be re-elected. Carried.

J. W. Smouse moved, seconded by Henry Wise that Hiram Gochmour be re-elected a member of the Board of Appeals. Carried. J. C. Cassel at the suggestion of J. H. Knepper moved, seconded by Brother Knepper that we elect a delegate to National Conference without bearing expense. Carried. J. W. Smouse made a motion, seconded by Brother Hollabaugh that J. H. Knepper be our representative at National Conference. Motion Carried.

W. A. Crofford offered a motion, seconded by J. C. Mackey that J. B. Wampler be elected State Evangelist subject to call of the Mission Board. Carried. J. C. Mackey seconded by J. C. Kennedy made a motion which prevailed that J. B. Wampler be elected State Evangelist by acclamation. M. J. Beachey offered his resignation as member of the board of trustees to Ashland College and upon motion of J. C. Cassel seconded by W. L. Spanogle the same was accepted. A motion by J. C. Cassel seconded by R. Z. Replogle prevailed to the effect that we proceed to elect by ballot two trustees to Ashland University, one for a term of three years and the other for two years and that the one receiving the highest number of votes be elected for a term of

three years and the one receiving the next highest be elected for a term of two years. Chair appointed J. C. Cassel and R. Z. Replogle as tellers. Election resulted in the selection of J. C. Cassel for a term of three years and Daniel Crofford for a term of two years.

J. B. Wampler offered the following motion seconded by P. M. Swinehart which passed:

Inasmuch as Mr. Andrew Carnegie has put himself upon record to appropriate some of the wealth that the good Father in his general providences has bestowed upon him, for the benefit of the human race and the advancement of education and the arts and sciences of the present century, I therefore move you that a committee of three be appointed by this Conference to petition Mr. Carnegie thru the National Conference of the Brethren church, asking to be remembered with an endowment fund for Ashland University and the Brethren Publishing House.

Report of committee on enrollment thru J. C. Mackey was made. A motion prevailed that report be received and committee discharged.

Committee on revision thru J. C. Mackey made the following report:

1. That the credential of the minister who shall represent his church in convention remain as it is except that it shall read elder and not member.

2. That this form be used for ministers who are not delegates to convention: (Same as ministerial credential eliminating the last part, "and is authorized by this congregation to represent us in convention assembled at.")

3. That the Sunday-school credential and the lay certificate remain as they are.

4. That the ministers' license called Ministerial Certificate remain as it is, but that we in the future fulfill its requirements along the line of examination and ordination.

Com. { W. L. SPANOGLA,  
J. C. MACKAY,  
J. F. KOONTZ.

On motion of R. Z. Replogle seconded by J. M. Murray the report was accepted subject to changes. Owing to lateness of hour the convention decided to take up R. Z. Replogle's motion the first thing at the opening of fourth session. Sung Doxology and had benediction pronounced by J. H. Knepper.

## FOURTH SESSION

Called to order at 2 P. M., by moderator Daniel Crofford. Singing from 298 of Gospel Hymns. Devotional services were conducted by elder I. D. Bowman having for his lesson the 3rd chapter of II Corinthians. Singing from 294 of Gospel Hymns. Minutes of former session read and approved. J. C. Mackey made a motion, seconded by I. D. Bowman that an order for \$10 be drawn in favor of the secretary for services rendered.

Committee on resolutions thru J. C. Mackey made the following report:

Resolved, that we have listened to the several papers and addresses before the conventions of 1899, and the general discussion of the same, with much interest; that we are gratified with the happy spirit manifested, and approve, in the main the sentiments expressed; and that we shall return to our charges (the Sabbath school, or pastorate) trusting the Divine Father to aid us in reducing the truth to practice.

Inasmuch as the licensing and sale of intoxicating liquors are the fruitful source of more degradation, ignorance, poverty, abuse of wife and children, and finally physical and spiritual death, than any other evil Therefore

Resolved, First, that we the ministers of the gospel, superintendents of Sabbath schools and members of the church, composing the Pennsylvania State Convention, do declare that the licensing of the sale of intoxicating liquors is a sin.

Second, that we in convention assembled do pledge ourselves collectively and individually to use all our influence to bring about entire and national prohibition of the liquor traffic as a beverage.

Continued next week.